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1. THIS EMBASSY WELCOMES THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS (PARA 6, REF A) TO SEND OUT FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN, THE INDIAN OCEAN AND PACIFIC.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FURTHER US REPRESENTATIONS ON REVERSE PREFERENCES OR OTHER ASPECTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, A SENIOR UK OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US OF A REPORT THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN PRESSURING THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO ATTEND THE PRENEGOTIATING CONFERENCE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 25-26 (REF B). WE ASSUME THIS REPORT IS INCORRECT, AND BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO SCOTCH THE CIRCULATION OF MISINFORMATION OF THIS KIND IS TO ENSURE THAT POSTS IN ALL THE COUNTRIES THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROVIDED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF THE EC AND ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS, AND ARE FULLY INFORMED OF THE US ATTITUDE ON KEY ISSUES THAT WILL BE INVOLVED.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF IT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE JULY 25-26 MEETING. WE NOTE THAT CERTAIN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING LIBERIA AND THE SUDAN, INTEND TO JOIN THE 19 YAOUNDE ASSOCIATES AND 19 COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLES IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

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